

COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO.

TOPIC 1. Construction of Fortifications along the eastern border of Czechoslovakia

2. Military Information from Susice

EVALUATION see below 25X1A PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to mid-November 1951

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REMARKS

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Western Border of Czechoslovakia.

1. In mid-November 1951, the construction of fire trenches and foxholes was observed about 300 meters east of the western border of Czechoslovakia in the area east of Pobezovice (N 50/P 61). In the area southwest of Nyrsko (N 50/U 99) there was a trace strip, 8 to 10 meters wide paralleling the border about 400 meters to the east. The strip, which was used to show the footprints of illegal border crossers, was freshly raked each day.
2. Prior to late October 1951, a trace strip was being prepared in the border sector of Dubina (N 51/P 27) - Muehlbach (N 51/P 27). It paralleled the border at a distance of about 100 meters and, in wooded areas, ran along the edge of the woods.

Susice.

3. Prior to 23 August 1951, a PS headquarters was located in the Schwarzkopf Villa in the northern sector of Susice (N 50/Q 28). More than 100 soldiers, wearing green collar patches with a dog's head emblem, and others with red epaulets were repeatedly observed receiving instruction in the Svatobor Hotel north of the market square. * Low brick buildings quartering a signal unit were located east of the Otava River, about 700 meters south of Susice. A unit of about 200 men, with sentries wearing green collar patches, was quartered in a former shoe factory about 800 meters southwest of the railroad station. Three low wooden buildings were under construction southwest of this factory. A motorized unit was located in the former high school in the northern sector of the city. Some of the sentries wore red collar patches and some wore green collar patches.

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Major Frantisek Bohac, who frequented the hotel, was the political officer of a unit in Susice. *

4. In February 1951, the 1929 through 1931 classes were examined for the draft under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Cisar (fnu) in Susice. A total of 300 draftees were examined. Only six percent of the 1931 class were accepted for active service. **

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* [REDACTED] Comment. A PS brigade is carried in Susice. According to a report of August 1951, the headquarters and the units of the brigade were located in the former industrial school which may possibly be the Schwarzkopf Villa, the former high school, the Svatobor Hotel and the former shoe factory which undoubtedly is the former tannery mentioned in a previous report. Several low barracks buildings, allegedly occupied by motorized army units, are known to be located south of the bridge across the Otava River. As the Hq 2d Inf Div is carried in Susice, it is possible that the units quartered in these barracks buildings belong to this division. Source probably observed the signal battalion.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. This report confirms previous reports that the 1929 through 1931 classes were examined for the draft in the spring of 1951, with the majority of the 1931 class being deferred. See [REDACTED]

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